IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BERNARD LOUIS DIT PICARD

U.S. Serial No. 10/018,050

Filed: January 18, 2002

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Group Art Unit 1771

Examiner: J. Boyd

HYDROPHILIC COTTON PRODUCT COMPRISING A SOFT SURFACE AND A SCRAPING SURFACE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment / a response in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.
An additional fee is required as calculated below -

	Claims				Other Than A			
	Remaining	Highest No.		Small Entity	Small Entity			
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- * The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number of claims filed originally or highest number found from equivalent box of a prior amendment.
- ____ This response is being filed within the period for response.
- X Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension from the date of the Examiner's Action as follows:

	First-Month Extension	\$ 55.00	/	\$ 110.00
X	Second-Month Extension	\$ 210.00	/	\$ 420.00
	Third-Month Extension	\$ 475.00	/	\$ 950.00

____ Small entity status of this application has been established.

A Check in the amount of $$\frac{420.00}{}$ is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690 of the undersigned attorney. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed April 23, 2004. Applicant has considered the April 23, 2004 official action. Claims 13-26 are pending in this application. Claim 13-26 are rejected. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are directed to patentable subject matter as set forth below and are now in condition for allowance.